

girl scouts
of greater chicago
and northwest
indiana



JUNIOR SCRIBE BADGE

ACTIVITY BOOK

For Girls in Grades 4-5





BADGE REQUIREMENTS

Explore what you can do with words and find out how to encourage, entertain, and excite people with your writing.

1. Start with a poem
2. Create a short story
3. Use words to share who you are
4. Write an article
5. Tell the world what you think

When you complete this packet, you'll earn your badge and learn how to write different kinds of stories, both true tales and ideas from your imagination.



ACTIVITY 1

Poetry Word Scramble

There are all kinds of poems – some are short, some long, some rhyme, some don't. Can you match the words to their definitions?

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| 1. A poem of 14 lines of rhyming iambic pentameter. | Pentameter |
| 2. A Japanese poem of 17 syllables in 3 lines. | Refrain |
| 3. Patterns of beats in poetry, music, and speech. | Meter |
| 4. Five metrical feet in a line. | Haiku |
| 5. A repeated part of a poem, like a chorus in a song. | Sonnet |
| 6. Regular rhythm in poetry. | Line |
| 7. A paragraph in poetry. | Rhythm |
| 8. A group of stressed and unstressed syllables. | Ballad |
| 9. A group of words in a poem. | Foot |
| 10. A poem that tells a story in 4-line groupings. | Stanza |

Flip to page 14 for the answer key!



ACTIVITY 2

What is Poetry?

What makes a poem...a poem? Let's find out!

Watch this video to learn all about poems: youtu.be/JwhouCNq-Fc

1. Write 2 interesting facts you learned from the video:

- _____

- _____

2. In your opinion, what makes a poem... a poem? Explain.



ACTIVITY 3

Create a Poem!

A poem is a chance to share your feelings and ideas about anything you want, so have fun and let your creativity flow.

1. Write a Haiku! Haikus do not rhyme, but their three lines always follow a pattern:

Five syllables in the first line,
Seven in the second,
And five in the third.

Example:

An old silent pond. . .
A frog jumps into the pond,
splash! Silence again

By: Hasko

Write your Haiku here:

2. Write a free-verse poem. “Free verse” means you write your poem with any number of lines, and any number of syllables in a line, a poem that’s your very own style.



Badge Requirement 1



ACTIVITY 4

Short Story

Create a short story with the help of an online prompt generator. Make sure to be creative and have fun.

You will be using Scholastics Story Starters online to create a fun, whimsical story.

Visit this link to get started: [scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters](https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters)

Step 1: Choose your genre & grade level.

Step 2: Spin the wheel multiple times until you find a prompt you like!

Step 3: Write the prompt you chose below:

Step 4: Press “next” and pick a format for your story, then press “next” again.

Step 5: Start writing your story.

Step 6: When you are done, press “all done” and make sure to download it or print it!

Reflection: What did you enjoy about this activity?



Badge Requirement 2



ACTIVITY 5

All About YOU

Play some fun coding games online.

Create a piece of art using descriptive words that define you.

Write 10 words that describe you:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____



Visit this link to start your creation: wordart.com/create

Directions:

1. Type in your name.
2. Add your 10 words, feel free to brainstorm more.
3. Pick a shape.
4. Pick a font.
5. Pick a layout.
6. Pick a Style.
7. Click on the red “visualize” button.
8. Download your creation as a PNG picture.



Badge Requirement 3



ACTIVITY 6

News Article

Create an article about something that happened in Girl Scouts, at school, or in your community.

An article is a type of story you might find in a newspaper or magazine. There are many different types of articles, but they all give the facts – not the writer’s opinions.

Step 1: Pick a topic for your article.

Step 2: Writers answer the “5 W’s to get the facts:

WHO?

WHAT?

WHERE?

WHEN?

WHY?



Step 3: Write your article! Use the space below, write in a notebook, or type it up on your computer.



Badge Requirement 4



ACTIVITY 7

Advocate for a Cause and Tell the World What You Think

An essay gives facts but is written from the author’s point of view. So, unlike an article, an essay is a chance for you to share your thoughts and feelings.

Girl Scouts “Make the World A Better Place”: think about a topic you are passionate about and brainstorm ways you can use your voice to create change in your local community and beyond.

Directions: Write at least one page sharing your opinion on an issue that is important to you, and use it to stand up for what you believe! Feel free to use the space below, type on your computer, or write in a notebook.



BONUS ACTIVITY!

Blackout.

Combine your artistic skills and creativity to make a Blackout poem. You will need black markers and newspaper.

A Blackout poem is when a poet takes a marker to a text, like a newspaper or a page from a book, and starts redacting (crossing out) words until a poem is formed. The key thing that forms a blackout poem is that the text and the crossed-out text forms a visual poem.

Click here to learn more: youtu.be/wKpVgoGr6kE

Create your blackout poem! If you'd like, glue it below:



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CONGRATS!!!
YOU COMPLETED YOUR
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NOT A PROBLEM!
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